

Medication safety: A Priority

Medication safety is a high priority for Iowa Specialty Hospital.

Our pharmacy department monitors patient medications to provide the correct dose and drug based on each patient's age, weight, gender, diagnoses, and other medications. The pharmacy is responsible for all medications in the hospital and dispenses approximately 190,000 doses annually.

We have specialized computer software to aid in identifying medication interactions. With the help of this system, we verify accuracy of each medication administered thru the electronic medication administration record and the scanning of bar codes on the individual medication. This service gives additional safety to medications administered to hospitalized patients.

Patients with outpatient therapy needs are often able to stay closer to home through our outpatient infusion services. The pharmacy provides medications for this important service in close partnership with our Outpatient Services Department.

In addition to medication, the pharmacy provides information on medications and disease state management to patients, physicians and hospital staff, keeping everyone informed on new medications, research of current therapy trends and guidelines for management of specific diseases.

Iowa Specialty Hospital is proud to serve as a site for University of Iowa student pharmacists to experience the practice of pharmacy in a rural setting.